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1. DRAFT AGENDA LOOKS ACCEPTABLE TO US. WE DO BELIEVE THAT THERE SHOULD BE SOME DISCUSSION OF CEMA INTEGRATION, AND WHILE THIS CAN BE COVERED BOTH UNDER TRADE/FINANCING DEBT AND SOVIET/EE ENERGY SECTIONS, WE WOULD LIKE TO SEE GENERAL DISCUSSION OF PROSPECTS FOR SUCCESS, VIEWS OF INDIVIDUAL COUNTRIES AND IMPACT ON EAST/WEST TRADE. WE ARE ALSO A LITTLE PUZZLED THAT EC/CEMA RELATIONS (AND PRESUMABLY JAPAN/CEMA RELATIONS) ARE TO BE COVERED UNDER RUBRIC OF US TRADE POLICY, EXECUTIVE AND LEGISLATIVE
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PERSPECTIVES.

2. WE ALSO NOTE THAT THERE WILL APPARENTLY BE NO REPRESENTATION THIS TIME FROM USLO, PEKING. WHILE WE RECOGNIZE THERE MAY BE FINANCING OR OTHER REASONS FOR THIS ACTION, FOR OUR PART WE WELCOME OPPORTUNITY TO HEAR VIEW FROM THAT PART OF WORLD ON SOVIET/EE ECONOMIC AND COMMERCIAL TRENDS.

3. SINCE THERE HAS BEEN CONSIDERABLE ATTENTION TO ROLE, OR LACK OF IT (AS WE SEE IT), OF COMMUNIST COUNTRIES IN NORTH/SOUTH RELATIONSHIP, IT MIGHT BE USEFUL TO INCLUDE THAT THEME, PERHAPS UNDER GENERAL HEADING OF INTERRELATIONSHIP OF EAST/WEST TRADE TO INTERNATIONAL TRADE AS A WHOLE. PERHAPS THIS COULD ALSO INCLUDE SOME DISCUSSION ON PROSPECTS FOR PARTICIPATION OF COMMUNIST COUNTRIES IN INTERNATIONAL ECONOMIC AND COMMODITY ORGANIZATIONS. TO THIS RESPECT, OUR PROGRAM MIGHT BE MORE MEANINGFUL IF THERE WERE PARTICIPATION FROM SOME REPRESENTATIVE THOROUGHLY KNOWLEDGEABLE ABOUT TRENDS IN UN SYSTEM.

4. FINALLY, WE WONDER IF THERE SHOULD NOT BE WAY TO COVER THE IMPORTANT AREA OF INVISIBLES, INCLUDING MERCHANT SHIPPING, CIVIL AVIATION, INSURANCE, TOURISM, ETC., AS IT IMPACTS ON EAST/WEST TRADE AND OUR OVERALL RELATIONSHIP. WE RECOGNIZE THAT WE MAY BE SUGGESTING MORE THAN CAN BE INCLUDED IN ONLY A FEW DAYS OF MEETINGS, BUT WE WOULD WELCOME ANY COMMENTS WHICH DEPARTMENT OR OUR FIELD COLLEAGUES MIGHT WISH TO MAKE ON THESE SUBJECTS WHILE IN GARMISCH. MATLOCK

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